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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Taizo SHIRAI et al.

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For: INFORMATION RECORDING
DEVICE, INFORMATION
PLAYBACK DEVICE,
INFORMATION RECORDING
MEDIUM, INFORMATION
RECORDING METHOD,
INFORMATION PLAYBACK
METHOD, AND PROVIDING
MEDIUM

Group Art Unit: 2137

Examiner: Nadia Khoshnoodi

Confirmation Number: 8666

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings are made in the attached REPLACEMENT SHEETS and are discussed in the remarks section of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include one (1) REPLACEMENT SHEET depicting amended Figs. 8A and 8B.